The new draft Willoughby Comprehensive LEP and DCP

Chatswood CBD, Chatswood (and West Chatswood)

29 March 2022

Local Community Briefing

On behalf of Willoughby City Council, I wish to acknowledge the traditional inhabitants of the land on which we stand, the Aboriginal People, their spirits and ancestors. We acknowledge the vital contribution that indigenous people and cultures have made and still make to the nation that we share, Australia.

Short video:
Overview in relation to this exhibition from Mayor Tanya Taylor and Dr Deborah Dearing, the North District Commissioner for the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC)

https://youtu.be/59bkz3UxBjM

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How the webinar will run

- Presenters
- Common slides in all webinars- providing context
- Important message from Northern Sydney LHD about healthy built environments
- Welcome to all Councillors in attendance
- Over 300 registered tonight for Webinar and 16 in person in the Chamber- the ‘hybrid’ webinar approach
- QUESTIONS can be submitted ant time in the Q&A function of the Zoom
- Staff will respond to these if straightforward – if not within the next 10 working days on HYS
- VERBAL QUESTIONS at the end alternating between Chamber and on line
- FEEDBACK / COMMENTS in the ‘CHAT’ area of Zoom
- Cameras switched off and microphones muted to reduce background noise.
- Webinar is being recorded and will be available on HYS by the end of the following day. Those asking questions in the Chamber to note. Your image and voice may be recorded, publicly broadcast and archived. By attending this evening this should be understood

AGENDA

6.00 pm **Introduction**

- **Strategic Planning background**
- **Zoning name changes – State Government**

6.15 pm **Northern Sydney Local Health District – creating a Healthy Built Environment in Willoughby- Queeny Stafford**

6.30 pm **Draft LEP and DCP - Chatswood CBD**

- **Zoning**
- **Height**
- **Floor Space**
- **Special Provisions (affordable housing and design excellence)**
- **Active Street Frontages**
- **Design Excellence**
- **Heat island impacts**

6.55 **Draft LEP and DCP - Chatswood and Chatswood West outside of the CBD**

7.15 pm **QUESTIONS**

7.30 **Thank you and next steps**

Headline Changes

Local Environment Plan

- **Growing Chatswood CBD** to the North and South – in line with CBD Strategy adopted by Council and publicly exhibited
- Increasing **density in our local centres** – in line with Local Centres Strategy adopted by Council and publicly exhibited
- More **height and density in Industrial zones** – in line with Industrial Lands Strategy adopted by Council and publicly exhibited
- New **design excellence requirement**, **increase affordable housing** from 4% up to 10%, and **manage urban heat** impacts.
- **Alignment** of residential controls **with Code SEPP** (Exempt and Complying)
- Inclusion of **landscape controls** in LEP from DCP

Development Control Plan

- Strengthen **heritage controls**
- **Reduction of parking requirement** for railway precincts (Chatswood, Artarmon and St Leonards)

12 Week exhibition period with consultation events



Process for New Council Initiated Comprehensive LEP

Specific Strategies prepared to guide future LEP and DCP preparation
CBD; Housing; Local Centres; Industrial Lands; Affordable Housing; Integrated Transport; St Leonards/Crows Nest and North District Plan (GSC)

Local Strategic Planning Statement (Adopted by Council 10 February 2020)

Draft LEP (Planning Proposal)

To WLPP for advice

Reported to Council

Referred to DPE for 'Gateway' determination

'Gateway' granted Dec 2021 specifying requirements to proceed to exhibition

Satisfy 'Gateway' requirements

Exhibit minimum 28 days (3 months)

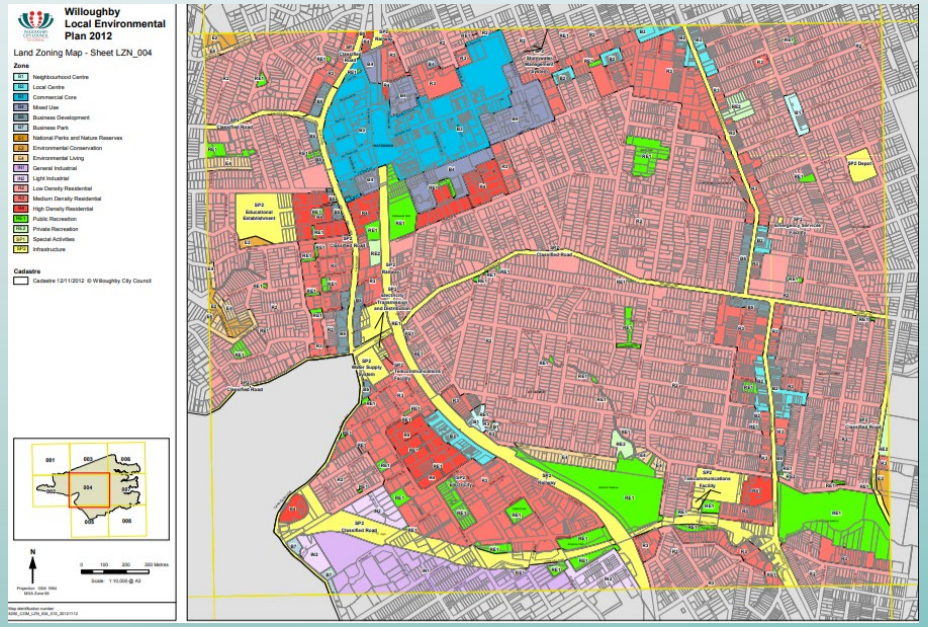
Report to Council

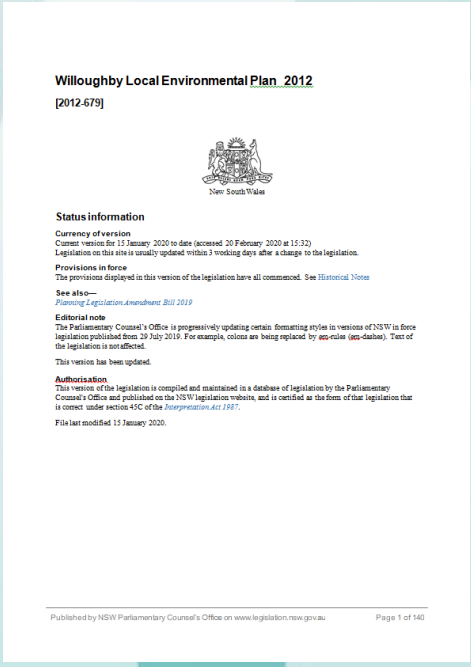
Refer to DPE for LEP to be made/gazetted

LEP takes effect from the date of notification on NSW Legislation website

Current Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012

- Work commenced in 2006
- Exhibited in 2010 and re-exhibited in 2012
- Came into force in February 2013 so now 9 years old
- 21 amendments since Gazettal





Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012

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Status information

Currency of version
Current version for 15 January 2020 to date (accessed 20 February 2020 at 15:32)
Legislation on this site is usually updated within 3 working days after a change to the legislation.

Provisions in force
The provisions displayed in this version of the legislation have all commenced. See Historical Notes

See also—
Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Editorial note
The Parliamentary Counsel's Office is progressively updating certain formatting styles in versions of NSW in force legislation published from 29 July 2019. For example, colons are being replaced by em-rules (em-dashes). Text of the legislation is not affected.

This version has been updated.

Authorisation
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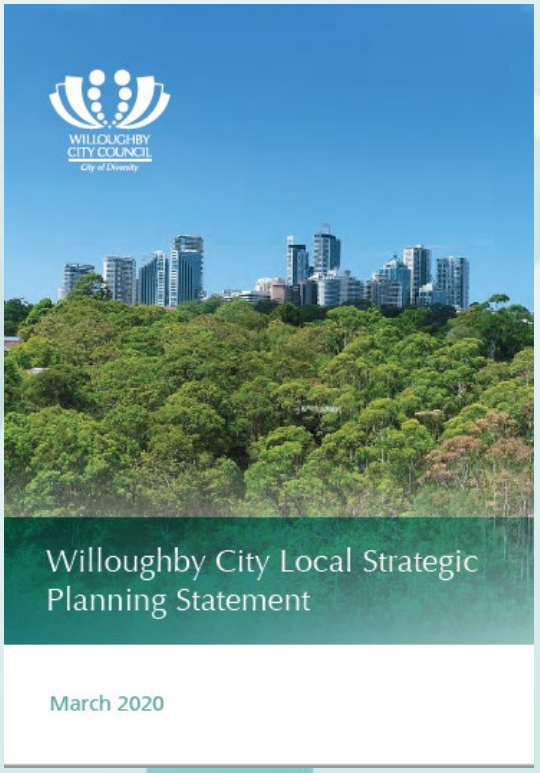
File last modified 15 January 2020.

Willoughby Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)

- Following issue of District Plans across Sydney (GSC) in 2018 by the Greater Sydney Commission all Councils required to prepare an Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)
- This sets a 20 year vision with priorities and actions for the entire LGA
- Comprehensive LEP gives statutory effect to LSPS actions by:
  - implementing the planning controls provided in the local strategies prepared by Council
  - providing land use controls to achieve the outcomes sought in terms of housing, transport, heritage, health and liveability, economy and employment, waterways, biodiversity, climate change, resilience, social infrastructure and collaboration.



Basis of the new dLEP

Drawn from conclusions and recommendations in our existing strategies delivered through extensive community consultation since 2017 and included in the LSPS:

- *Willoughby Local Centres Strategy*
- *Chatswood CBD and Urban Design Strategy to 2036*
- *Willoughby Industrial Lands Strategy*
- *St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan*
- *Willoughby Housing Strategy*
- *Integrated Transport Strategy*

and will assist in responding to the new

- *Resilient Willoughby Strategy and Action Plan 2021*



Basis of the new dLEP

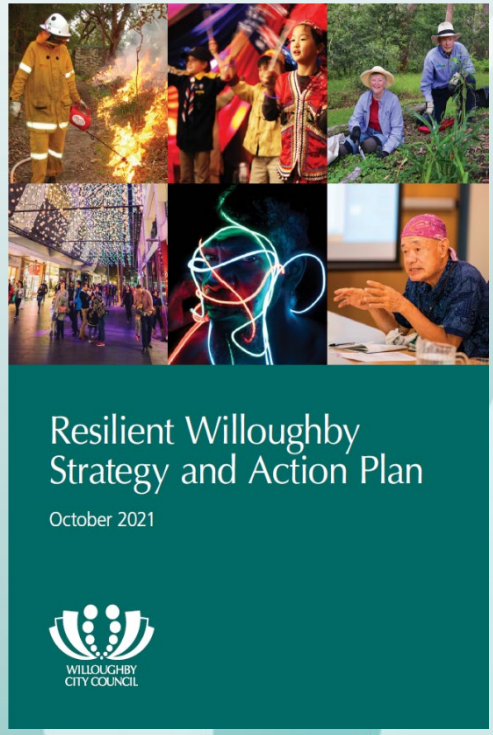
Council's *Resilient Willoughby Strategy* strives for:

Resilient places to withstand climate change, sustain biodiversity and support vibrant, connected communities

- Address the decline in urban biodiversity and tree canopy, reduced availability of green infrastructure
- Urban Greenways to better connect our unique green spaces and enhance opportunities for residents to enjoy nature and improve fitness by walking and cycling
- protect and extend the urban tree canopy (including green walls and roofs)

Resilient buildings which are safe, well-designed, affordable and sustainable

- Enhanced affordable housing opportunities e.g. improved access for vulnerable people and key workers, increased supply
- Response to extreme heat impacts which compromise comfort, productivity and health with sustainable programs to address thermal comfort in the built environment (indoors and outdoors)



Key statistics for Willoughby in future planning

Population, housing and jobs growth

The population is expected to grow from 78,000 in 2016 by 14,000 people to almost 92,000 in 2036.

The number of dwellings is expected to grow by over 6,700 from 30,367 in 2016 to over 37,000 in 2036. The 5 Year dwelling target of 1250 new dwellings between 2016 and 2021 met (North District Plan)

The number of jobs in Willoughby City is expected to grow from 64,000 to 74,600 in 2036 with a 6,300-8,300 jobs target for Chatswood CBD (North District Plan).



FORECAST POPULATION GROWTH TO 2036
Source: Willoughby Council, Draft Housing Strategy 2019

State changes to zones Environmental zones

- On Dec 1 2021, the NSW Government renamed ‘environment zones’ to ‘conservation zones’ under clause 2.1 Land use zones of the Standard Instrument – Principal Local Environmental Plans.
- The former E zones were:
  - E1 National Parks and Nature Reserves
  - E2 Environmental Conservation for areas with high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values outside national parks and nature reserves.
  - E3 Environmental Management for land where there are special ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic attributes that require careful consideration/management and for uses compatible with these values.
  - E4 Environmental Living for land with special environmental qualities.

- The new conservation zones now in LEPs are:

  - Zone C1 – National Parks and Nature Reserves
  - Zone C2 – Environmental Conservation
  - Zone C3 – Environmental Management (NA)
  - Zone C4 – Environmental Living

State changes to Employment (IN and B)Zones

- The existing Business (B) and Industrial (IN) zones will be replaced with five new employment zones and three supporting zones under Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 (SI LEP Order).
- These are:

New zones	*Existing zones*
• E1 Local Centre	(B1 and B2)
• E2 Commercial Centre	(B3)
• E3 Productivity Support	(B5 and B7)
• E4 General Industrial	(IN1 and IN2)
• E5 Heavy Industrial	(IN3) (NA)

The 3 supporting Zones are:

• MU 1	(B4)
• W4	(IN 4) Working waterfront (NA)
• SP4	local enterprise zone (new precincts) (NA)

- The transition details are on exhibition with Council's dLEP at the request of the State government - the outcomes of exhibition will be reflected in the final LEP

Creating a Healthy Built Environment in Willoughby

Queeny Stafford

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March 2022

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Northern Sydney Local Health District

What makes *you* feel healthy?

How does the neighborhood that you live in contribute to your health and wellbeing – both positively and negatively?

Please put your responses in the 'Chat' function of the Zoom call

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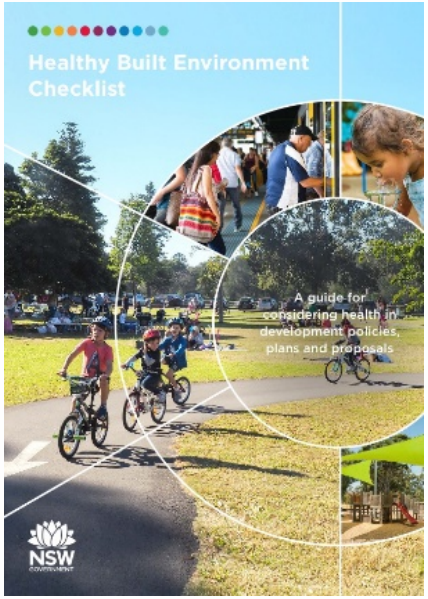

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Source: Frasers Property





Source: Bike North

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Healthy Neighbourhood Design

Centrally located ‘destinations’
e.g. primary school, library, community centre, open space

Nearby retail



Higher residential densities around neighbourhood centre/open space

Primary local traffic route with public and active transport options

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Source: Architecture & Design AU

Open space and natural features





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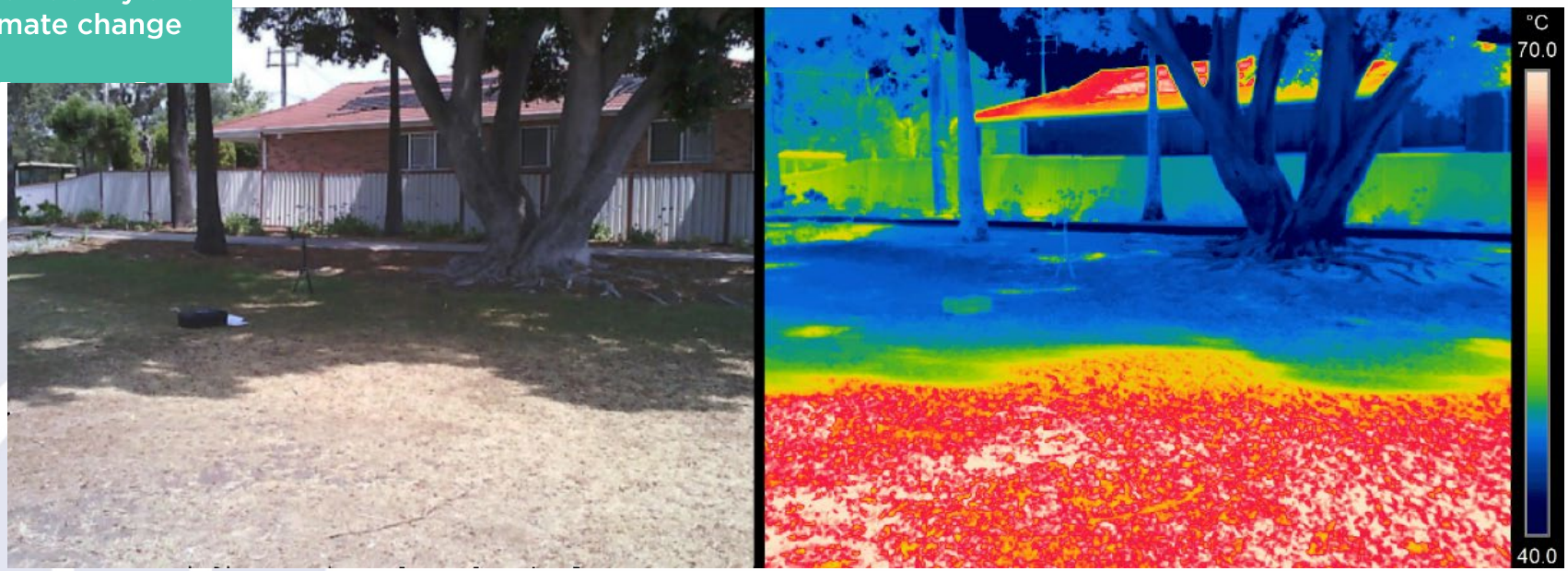
Environmental sustainability and climate change



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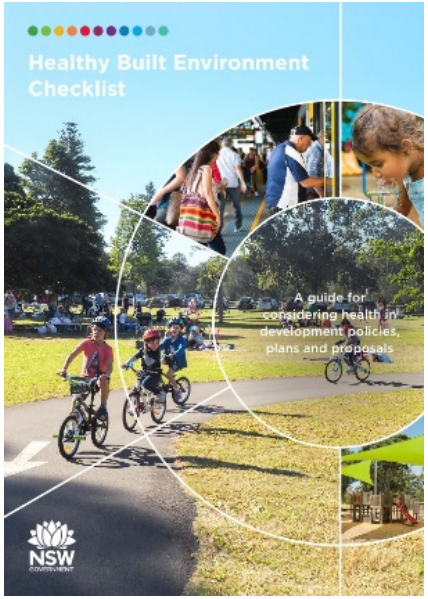

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What makes *you* feel healthy?

How will the neighborhood that you live in contribute to *your community's* health and wellbeing over the next 15-20 years?

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Draft LEP changes - Chatswood CBD Strategy

The Chatswood CBD Strategy aims to achieve:

- A reinvigorated commercial core area and economically buoyant CBD, to provide for future employment.
- A sustainable balance between commercial, retail, residential, education, cultural and other uses to ensure on-going vibrancy.
- A green, compact, walkable CBD.
- A healthy , liveable neighbourhood
- A city form and scale to accommodate future growth and change.
- A CBD of exceptional urban design.
- A place where people want to visit and invest in.



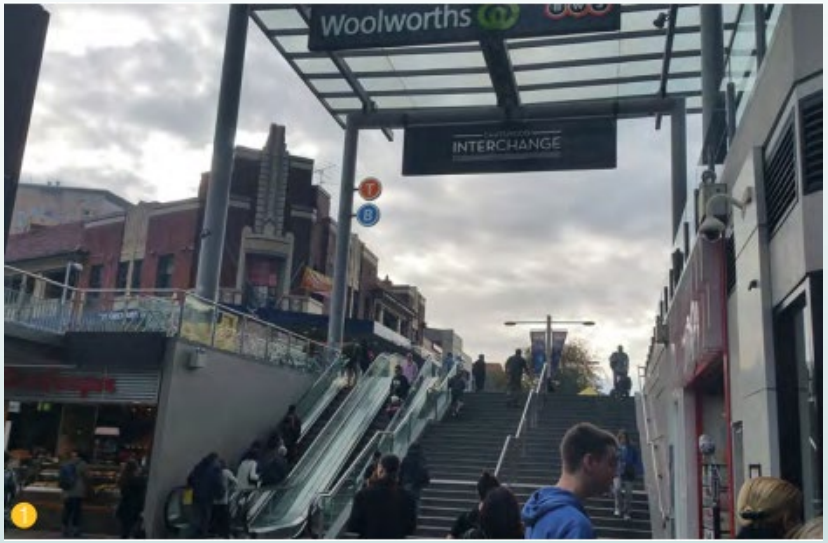
Chatswood CBD Strategy

- Late 2016 – Draft CBD Strategy report prepared for Council by consultants
- January / March 2017 – Public exhibition and stakeholder engagement
- 18 May 2018 – CBD Strategy supported by GSC
- 26 June 2017 - CBD Strategy endorsed by Council
- 9 August 2019 – DPIE (now DPE) partial endorsement of CBD Strategy
  - Endorsed B3 Commercial Core zone subject to conditions
  - Required further review for B4 Mixed Use zone:
- Result of review - Height and floor space (FSR) reduced on some interface sites on the edges of the Chatswood CBD.
- 9 July 2020 - CBD Strategy endorsed by DPE.
- 14 September 2020 – CBD Strategy further noted by Council



Chatswood CBD Strategy

Existing strengths of Chatswood






Chatswood transport interchange



Chatswood CBD Strategy

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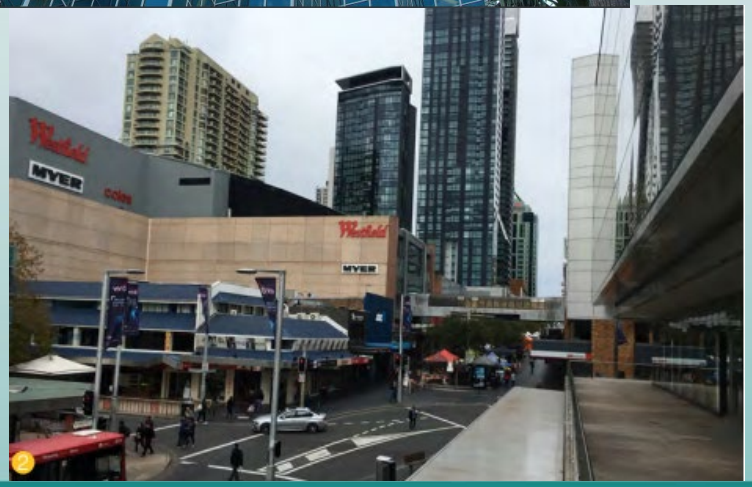
Existing strengths of Chatswood





Chatswood Transport Interchange towers





Chatswood Private Hospital and Quest Apartments

Chatswood CBD Strategy

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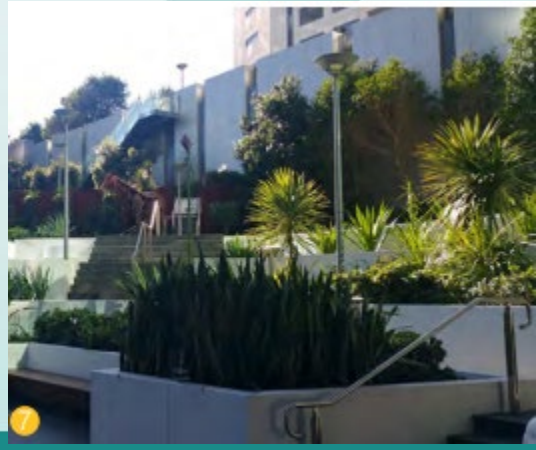
Existing strengths of Chatswood











Chatswood CBD Strategy

Existing strengths of Chatswood





Chatswood CBD Strategy

Illustration of future Pacific Highway



Illustration of a future laneway



Chatswood CBD Strategy

Illustration of a future Victoria Avenue east



Illustration of future Victoria Avenue East

Chatswood CBD Strategy

Illustration of a future Albert Avenue

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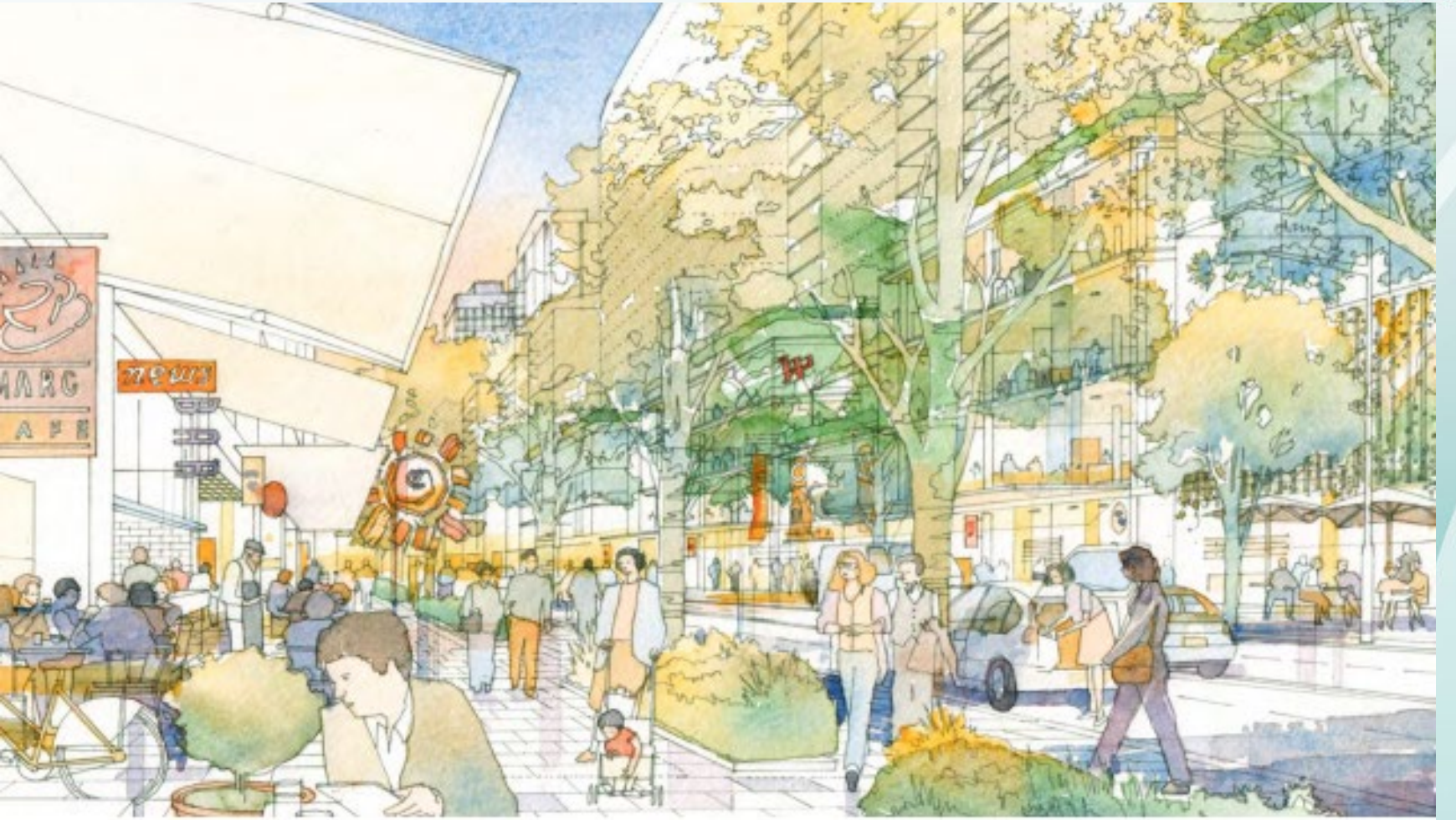


Illustration of future Albert Avenue

Strategic Planning Background
Chatswood CBD Strategy

- Summary of finalised Strategy

  - CBD boundary extended to the north and south

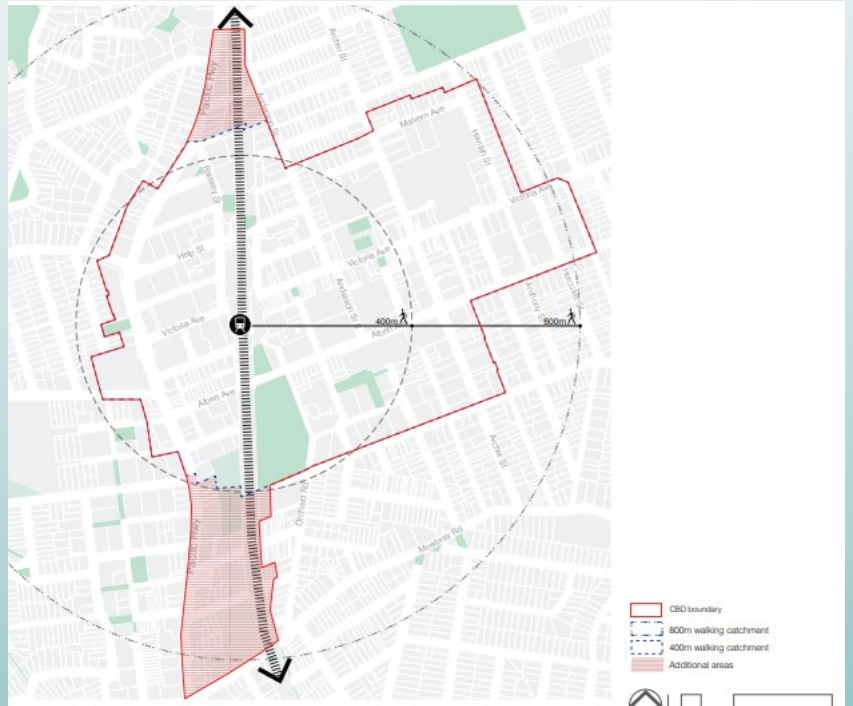


Figure 3.1.1 Extended CBD boundary



Draft LEP changes

- Draft LEP is consistent with finalised Strategy

  - B3 Commercial Core in blue and B4 Mixed Use in purple

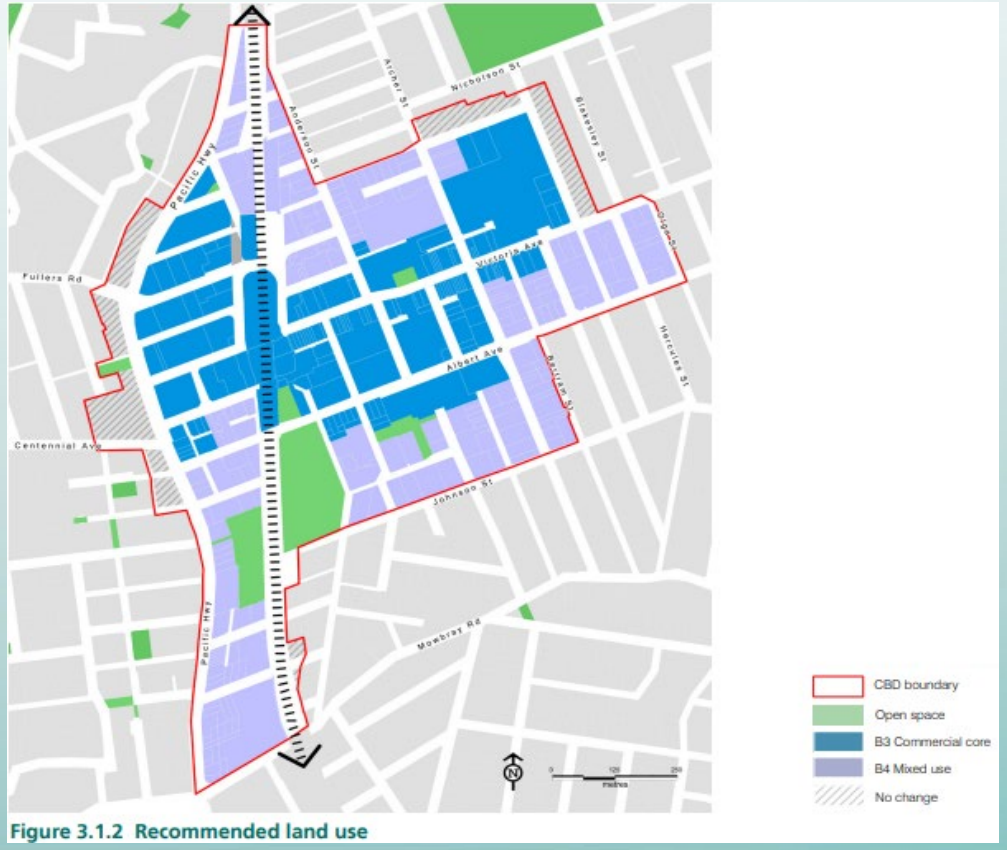


Figure 3.1.2 Recommended land use



Draft LEP changes

- Draft LEP is consistent with finalised Strategy

  - FSR No maximum in the B3 Commercial Core zone (subject to other requirements)
  - Varied in the B4 Mixed use zone, lower at the interface with low density residential conservation areas

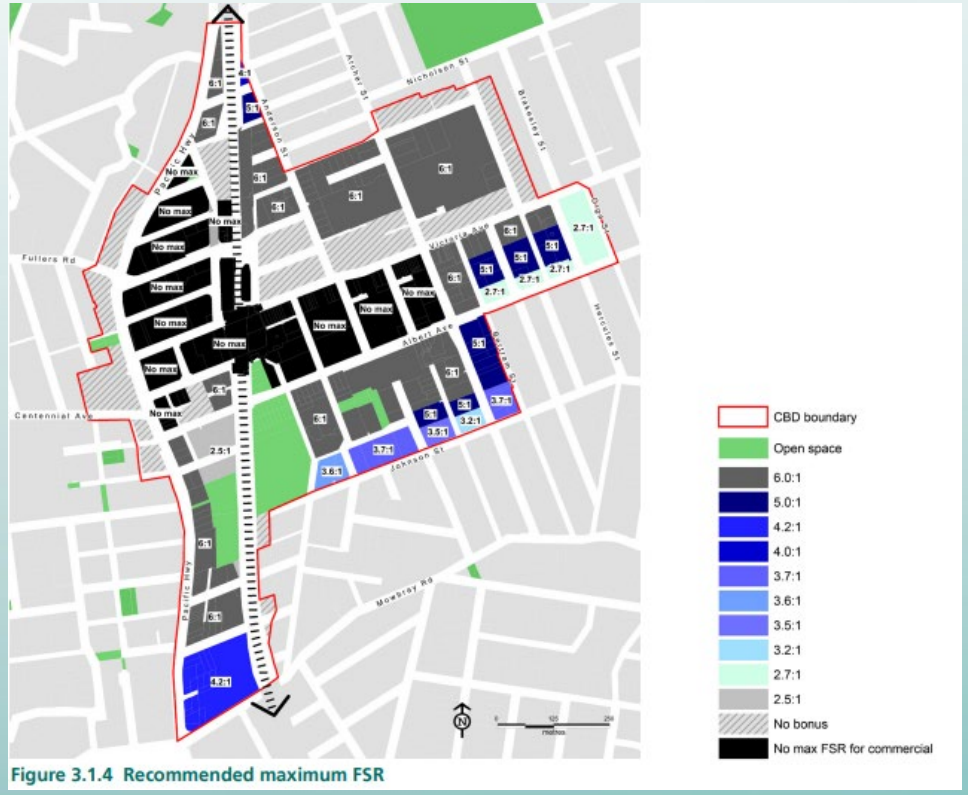


Figure 3.1.4 Recommended maximum FSR



Draft LEP changes

- Draft LEP is consistent with finalised Strategy

  - Height RL 246.8m in the B3 Commercial Core zone (subject to other requirements)
  - Varied in the B4 Mixed use zone, lower at the interface with low density residential conservation areas

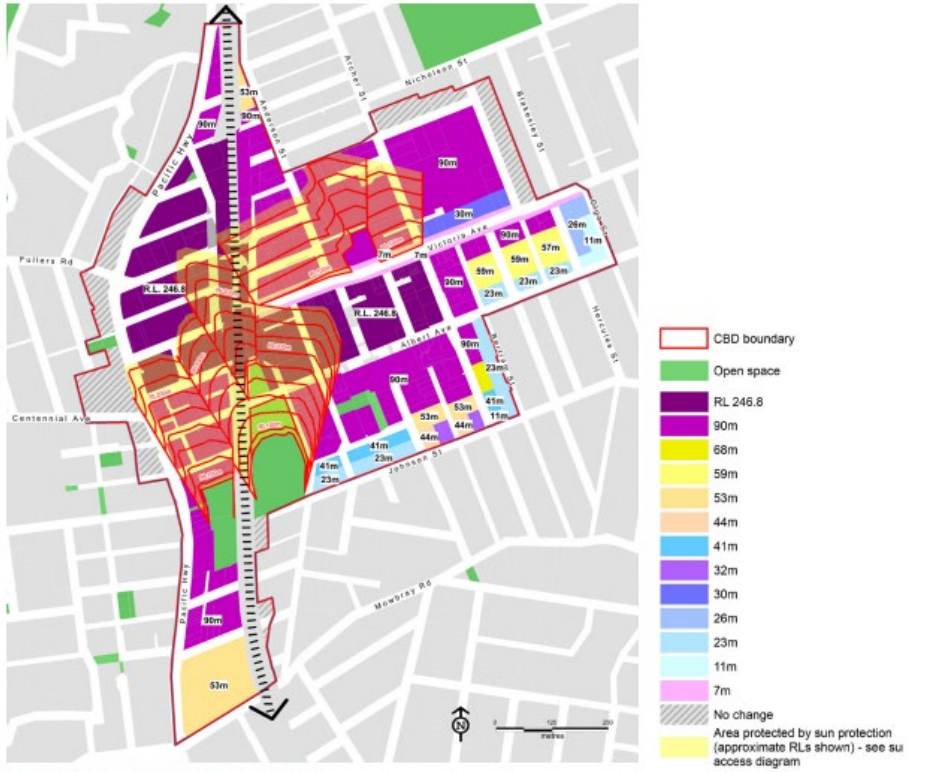


Figure 3.1.6 Recommended height



Draft LEP changes

- Draft LEP is consistent with finalised CBD Strategy

  - The Special Provisions Area Map shows Area 9 relating affordable housing and Area 12 relating to design excellence applying to the Chatswood CBD (as extended by the CBD Strategy)
  - Streets and laneways in the Chatswood CBD are shown as Active Street Frontages
  - Minimum lot sizes identified on the Lot Size Map



Part L – Place Based Plans

Council and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) undertook a number of studies and prepared several strategies and plans to set the direction for future commercial and residential development in key locations within the Willoughby LGA.

Council has adopted the *Chatswood CBD Planning and Urban Design Strategy to 2036 (Chatswood CBD Strategy)* and the *Willoughby Local Centres Strategy (WLCS) 2036.* The *St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan* was released by the DPE on 29 August 2020.

This Part of the draft *WDCP 2021* gives effect to the recommendations, and applies controls to achieve the future character in accordance with the strategies and plan. It includes a character statement for each locality, and includes specific performance criteria and additional controls to achieve orderly and economically viable development of the respective localities.

As already mentioned earlier in the webinar, appropriate amendments have been made to the draft *WLEP 2020* to increase the FSR and height of buildings to allow higher residential densities and create additional commercial floor space in the local centres and the Chatswood CBD.

Draft DCP changes (CBD)

Draft DCP is consistent with finalized strategy

- Detailed setbacks and street wall heights covering an identified 11 precincts provided:

  - Victoria Avenue retail frontage

  - Urban Core
  - Office core frontage
  - Mixed use frontage with commercial Ground Floor
  - Pacific Highway frontage
  - Southern Precinct
  - Albert Avenue South
  - Anderson Street interface
  - Bertram Street interface
  - Albert Avenue north and Olga Street interface
  - Johnson Street interface

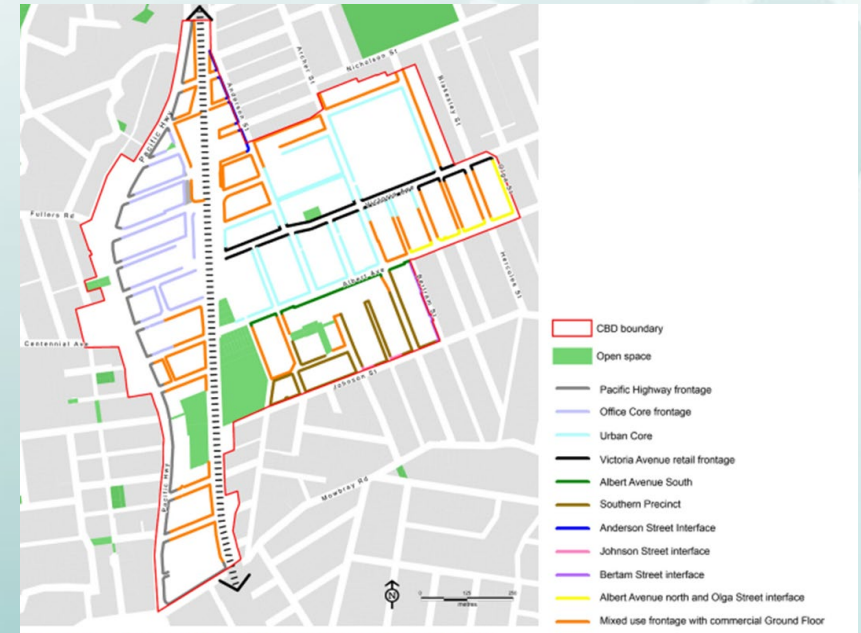


Figure 3.1.8 Recommended setbacks and street frontage heights

These setbacks involve ground level as well as the tower above podium

Draft DCP changes (CBD)

DCP Links and new open space Map

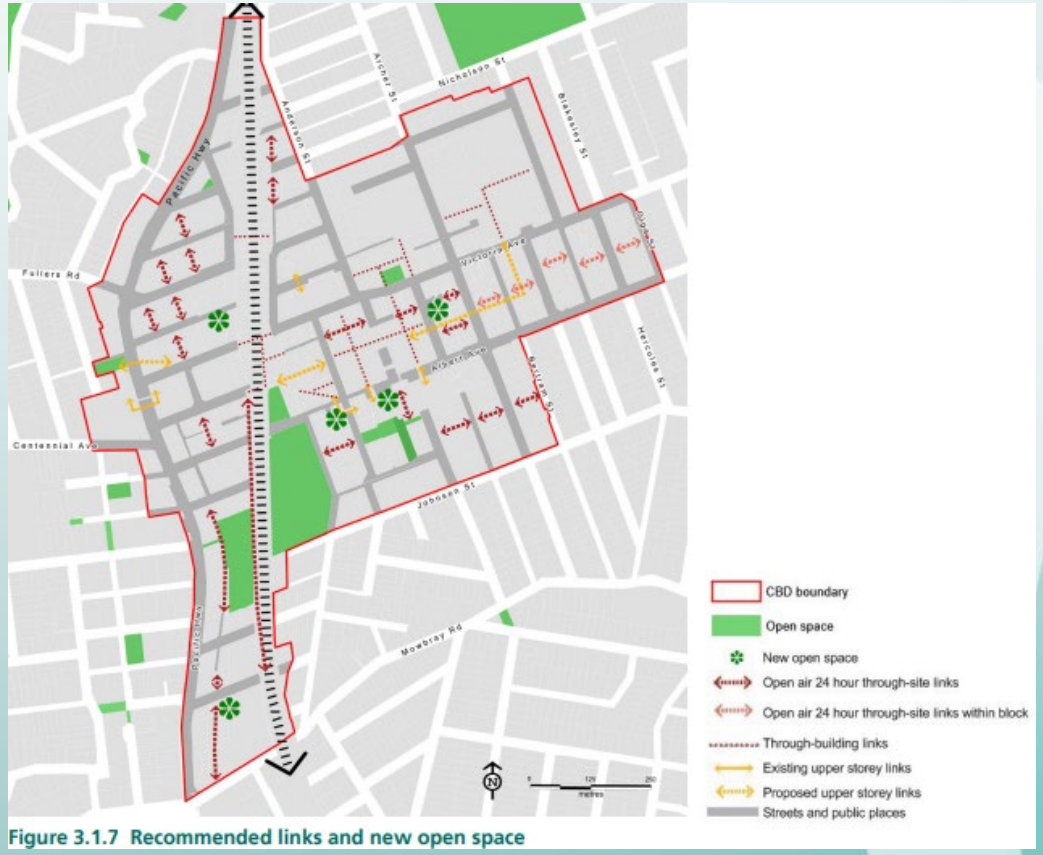


Figure 3.1.7 Recommended links and new open space

Draft DCP changes

Draft DCP is consistent with finalised strategy

- Other controls relate to:

  - Site amalgamation
  - Embellishment of public domain
  - Provision of through site links
  - Maximum floor plate size to assist in slender tower objective
  - Soft landscaping and green roofs controls
  - Minimised vehicle entry points
  - Physical loading solutions below ground in basements
  - Minimised car parking rates close to Chatswood Transport Interchange
  - Provision of public art

Chatswood Public domain Plan

The Chatswood CBD will become a connected, diverse, and vibrant green community heart of Willoughby.

RE-ESTABLISH Cammeraygal-Chattie's Wood



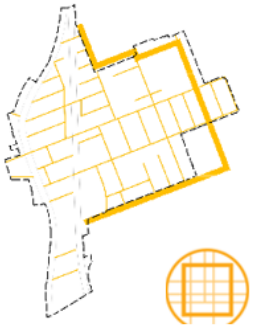
Central Spine



Revive Natural Systems Scotts Creek



Confident CBD Edge



Permeable and Connected

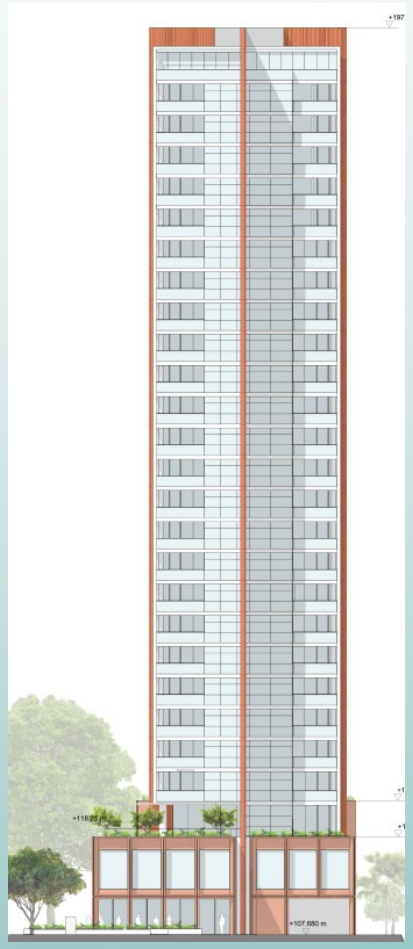


Healthy Green and Blue Streets



Chatswood Future Images

871-877 Pacific Highway Chatswood





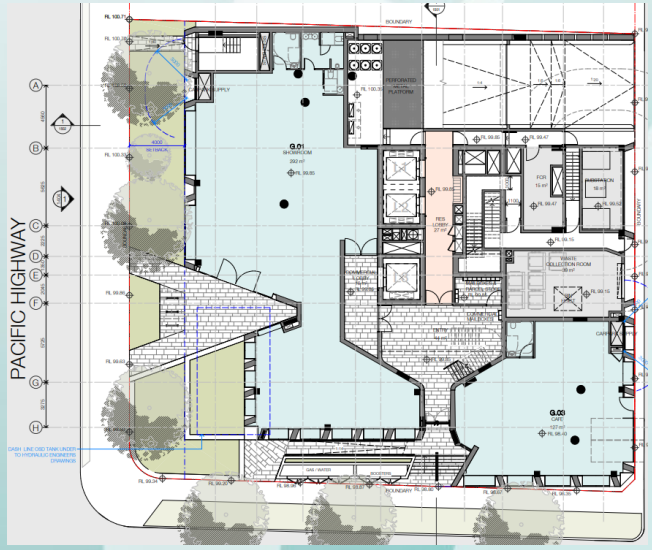


Chatswood Future Images

753 Pacific Highway and 15 Ellis Street Chatswood







Chatswood Future Images







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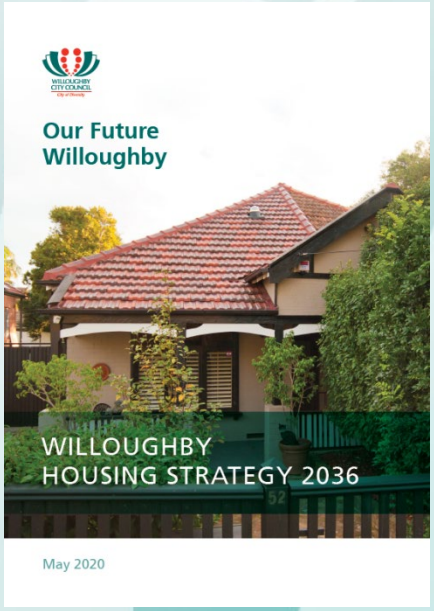
The new dLEP in relation to Housing- Willoughby Housing Strategy

Key focus areas for new housing in Willoughby:

- Chatswood CBD in mixed use developments as endorsed in the Chatswood CBD Strategy
- Local centres as identified in the Local Centres Strategy.
- Existing R3 and R4 zones

Protection of the existing R2 zones in the interests of housing choice and diversity.

No changes to commercial centres in West Chatswood.



LEP changes - Housing

- Change from an FSR control for R2 zone to GFA to create equity by aligning with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (known as the Codes SEPP)
- Introduce a new landscaping control into the LEP taken from the DCP to provide more legal strength.
- Amend dual occupancy provisions also be in line with the Codes SEPP by allowing immediate subdivision and removing battle axe configurations.
- Set a minimum lot size of 1,100m2 for a new dwelling type 'manor houses' introduced by the Low Rise Medium Housing Order in 2017

  (A manor house is a single building which comprises three or four dwellings attached on one lot of up to two storeys in height)
- Change to the affordable housing clause in line with the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and the LSPS from 4% to 10% where feasible.

Dwelling House Provisions

Examples of Dwellings approved by Complying Development



Lane Cove North



Northbridge

Examples of Dwellings approved by DA



Chatswood West



Northbridge

From FSR to GFA – R2 – Low Density Residential zone

WLEP 2012
FSR calculation

Site Area	Current FSR control	Achievable GFA
< 200	0.65:1	129
200-300	0.55:1	110-165
301-400	0.5:1	150.5-200
401-500	0.47:1	188.5-235
501-600	0.45:1	225.5-270
601-700	0.43:1	258.5-301
701-800	0.41:1	287.5-328
> 800	0.4:1	320

SEPP Complying
GFA calculation

Site Area	SEPP control	Achievable GFA
200-250	78%	156-195
>250-300	75%	188 - 225
>300-350	235	235
>350-450	25% + 150	237.5-262.5
>450-560	290	290
>560-600	25% + 150	290-300
>600-740	335	335
>740-900	25% + 150	335-375
>900-920	380	380
>920-1000	25% + 150	380-400
>1000	400	400

FSR to GFA comparison
R2 – Low Density Residential zone

Site Area:	620.4m2
Max FSR (LEP 2012):	266.7m2
Max GFA (Housing Code/Draft LEP):	335m2 (303m2 proposed/DA approved)





Landscaping – Single Dwelling Houses

Existing WDCP Control / Proposed draft LEP Control

Site Area	WDCP Control	Required Landscaped Area (m2)
< 200	0.25 x site area	50
200-400	(0.35 x site area) – 20	50 - 120
401-600	(0.6 x site area) – 120	120 - 240
601-1000	(0.525 x site area) – 75	240 - 450
1001-1500	(0.6 x site area) – 150	450 - 750
> 1500	(0.5 x site area)	750

Existing SEPP Complying Development Control for Dwelling House

Site Area	SEPP (Complying) Control	Required Landscaped Area
200 - 300	10% of site area	20 – 30m2
> 300 - 450	15% of site area	45 – 67.5m2
> 450 - 600	20% of site area	90 – 120m2
> 600 - 900	30% of site area	180 – 270m2
> 900 - 1500	40% of site area	360 – 600m2
> 1500	45% of site area	675m2

FSR to GFA with Landscaping comparison

Site Area:	650.3m2
Max FSR (LEP 2012):	279.6m2
Max GFA (Housing Code/Draft LEP):	335m2 (312.4m2 proposed/approved)
Min Landscaped Area (WDCP/Draft LEP):	266.4m2
Min Landscaped Area (SEPP Complying):	195m2 (255.5m2 provided)





Changes to Dual Occupancy Provisions

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Forms of Dual Occupancy









Changes to Dual Occupancy Provisions

Proposed GFA Controls

- Attached (Side by Side) and detached: 25% of site area + 300m2
- Attached (one above the other): 25% of site area + 150m2, to a max of 400m2

- Landscape control

Site Area	WDCP Control	Required Landscaped Area
< 200	0.25 x site area	50
200-400	(0.35 x site area) – 20	50 - 120
401-600	(0.6 x site area) – 120	120 - 240
601-1000	(0.525 x site area) – 75	240 - 450
1001-1500	(0.6 x site area) – 150	450 - 750
> 1500	(0.5 x site area)	750

- Subdivision: Immediate

Changes to Dual Occupancy Provisions

Site Area:	730.6m2
Max FSR (LEP 2012):	292.2m2 (292.2m2 proposed/approved)
Max GFA (SEPP Complying /Draft LEP):	482.6m2
Landscaped Area (DCP):	255.7m2 (311.5m2 provided)
Landscaped Area (SEPP Complying):	265.3m2
Landscaped Area (Draft LEP):	308.56m2





Changes to Dual Occupancy Provisions

Site Area:		964.3m2
Max FSR (LEP 2012):	385.7m2	
Max GFA (SEPP Complying /Draft LEP):	541m2	
Landscaped Area (DCP):	337.5m2	
Landscaped Area (SEPP Complying):	382.1m2	
Landscaped Area (Draft LEP):	431.2m2	



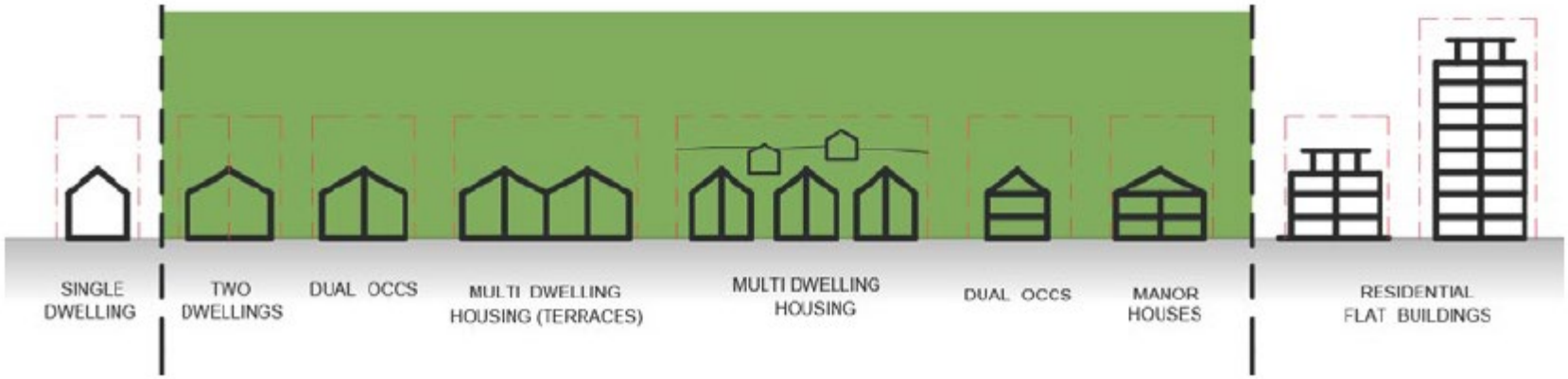
Battle-axe form (one behind the other)not supported due to loss of landscaped area to meet tree canopy target with resulting biodiversity loss and increased heat island impacts.





Manor Houses

Minimum lot size requirement for manor houses – 1100m² proposed
SEPP requires 600m2



Affordable Housing

WLEP Control:	4% of residential floor space in new development in specified areas provided in addition to permissible FSR (eg FSR = 1.5:1 + 4%)
LSPS Commitment:	Increase affordable housing requirement from 4% to 7% by 2021 and 10% by 2026 building on CSP
Draft LEP Proposal:	10% of residential floor space within permissible FSR (eg FSR = 1.5:1 of which 10% is affordable housing)

Note **Feasibility Report by SGS Planning and Economics** available for consideration during exhibition.

DCP Changes

Twelve (12) Parts of new dDCP

Part A – Overview of Draft WDCP 2021
Part B – Residential Development
Part C – Development in E4 Environmental Living Zones
Part D – Commercial Development
Part E – Industrial Development
Part F – Transport and Parking Management
Part G – Vegetation Management
Part H – Heritage and Heritage Conservation Areas
Part I – Water Management
Part J – Building Sustainability
Part K – Development near Lane Cove Tunnel Ventilation Stacks
Part L – Place Based Plans

Draft DCP 2021 – key changes

1) New format to be more ‘user-friendly’ – incorporated controls to be development based

2) Residential:

- Part B – Residential Development
- Minor and Major development
- R2 zone
  - controls to align with Complying SEPP (Exception landscaping incorporated in LEP
- C4 (previously E4) zone
  - additional documentation for applications adjoin bushland and/or places of potential aboriginal significance
  - landscape controls in LEP
- Heritage Conservation Areas
  - demolition of a building or removal of any significant elements is not supported
  - information required for justifying demolition where sought
  - additional controls for semi-detached development
  - reinforces importance of protecting the external fabric and streetscape character
- R3 and R4 zones and shop-top housing
  - alignment with ADG
  - where not inconsistent with ADG existing controls remain
  - deep soil controls

Draft DCP 2021 – key changes

3) Chatswood CBD

- Part B – Residential Development (shop-top housing)
- Part C – Commercial Development
- Part L – place based controls
  - reflecting controls contained in CBD Strategy (setbacks, street wall height, through site links, public domain improvements, site area, floor plate size)

4) Other DCP provisions

- Part F – Transport and Parking Management
  - Changes adopting Integrated Transport Strategy recommendations
  - Travel demand management
- Part G – Vegetation Management
  - Changes adopted February 2020
  - Minimal further changes
- Part I – Water Management
  - Changes adopted October 2019
  - Minor changes to clarify provisions
- Part J – Building Sustainability
  - Changes adopted November 2020
  - No further changes proposed

Questions?

Thank you and next steps

- The dLEP and dDCP are now on exhibition until 7 June (a total period of 12 weeks)
- A series of webinars is being delivered to provide local and issue specific detail and the opportunity for questions
- Your feedback today will be included in a feedback report.
- Report to Council with any suggested amendments for finalisation is anticipated around October.
- Referral to DPE to make the new WLEP and for Council to endorse new DCP could occur later this year unless a further exhibition period is determined necessary in which case finalisation is expected to be during 2023.